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March 20, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AVENUE N – 45TH STREET WEST TO STATE ROUTE 14
APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve a supplemental Agreement to Contract PW 12683 for a not-to-exceed fee of \$50,000 with Tetra Tech, Inc., to provide additional engineering services to complete the construction documents and estimate for the Avenue N – 45th Street West to State Route 14 street widening and pavement rehabilitation project located in the unincorporated area south of the City of Lancaster.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the supplemental Agreement with the recommended consultant and to establish the effective date of the contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board approve a supplemental Agreement and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the Agreement with the consultant to complete the construction documents for the proposed street widening and pavement rehabilitation project, located in the County's unincorporated area south of the City of Lancaster, and to establish the effective date of this supplemental Agreement. On May 20, 2003, your Board awarded a Consultant Services Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc., for a not-to-exceed fee of \$272,000, including an allowance of \$24,826 for unforeseen additional work, to prepare construction plans for this project. As the consultant's work progressed, it was determined the traffic signals would have to be installed at three locations on an interim basis until the right of way was acquired. This interim work was completed by Public Works forces. The right of way has now been acquired. The design plans will need to be revised for the permanent intersection design. Additionally, the traffic plans will need to be modified to comply with the 2006 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. As a result, the additional fees to complete the plans and estimate have been renegotiated for a not-to-exceed fee of \$50,000, including an allowance of \$5,000 for unforeseen additional work.

Upon completion of the construction documents, tentatively scheduled for August 2007, we will return to your Board to adopt the documents and to advertise for bids for construction.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it will lead to the completion of the design of road improvements on Avenue N. This project will widen and reconstruct the existing street to increase vehicular capacity, extend the service life of the road, and improve motorist and pedestrian safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Financing for the supplemental Agreement is available in the 2006-2007 Road Fund Budget. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The recommended supplemental Agreement for the identified pavement rehabilitation project will increase the contract amount from \$272,000 to an aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$322,000, which includes an increase from \$24,826 to \$29,826 for unforeseen additional work that may arise during progress of the work. Additional work will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The Agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, Tetra Tech, Inc., is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence participants for future employment.

Tetra Tech, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for Consultant Services Agreements for design services.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On May 20, 2003, your Board approved the execution of the original Consultant Services Agreement for this project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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